

**Workers' Compensation Advisory Board**  
**April 2, 2009 OPEN meeting Minutes**  
**Illinois Workers Compensation Commission, Springfield**  
**1:30 p.m.**

Present at the meeting:

Acting Chairman Amy J. Masters

Mr. Frank Cavarretta, United Steel Workers

Mr. Mark Flannery, Caterpillar, Inc.

Ms. Kim Maisch, National Federation of Independent Business

Mr. David Menchetti, Cullen, Haskins, Nicholson & Menchetti

Mr. Kim Presbrey, Presbrey & Associates

Attending the meeting via conference call:

Mr. David Buckman, CORE Construction Group

Mr. Jerry Roper, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Also Present

Bertha E. Parker, Acting Secretary

Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2008, were approved

Chairman Masters provided a Commission overview and update, including Department of Insurance Fraud Unit, Insurance Compliance, medical fee schedule, and newly hired staff.

Chairman Masters spoke about implementing an arbitration evaluation process, and involving Commissioners in the evaluation process. The board discussed the process and criteria.

Chairman Masters discussed the upcoming process for rules review, including soliciting rules revision suggestions from bar association workers' compensation groups, appointing a small group of workers' compensation attorneys from across the state, in addition to arbitrators and commissions, to review the rules and suggest changes. Many changes are needed to add and/or revise language to reflect reform laws and also to allow greater implementation of technology. The board discussed the rules process and it was determined that labor and business representatives would submit recommendations of attorneys to serve on the committee.

Chairman Masters also reported the Commission's pending FY10 budget appropriation was reduced from the previous year's budget approximately \$1 million.

The board also set future meeting dates at 1:30 pm as follows:

- Thursday, July 9 (Chicago)
- Thursday, October 1 (Springfield)
- Thursday, January 7 (Chicago)

Upon motion, the board went into closed meeting at 2:05 pm

The board returned to open meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Upon motion, the Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.